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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 19910 ACTION SECSTATE, INFO USIA DTD 21 1976.

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SUBJECT: MFA/PRESS - WP OSNOS MEETING

1. WASHINGTON POST BUREAU CHIEF PETER OSNOS WAS CALLED TO MFA PRESS OFFICE AT 1600 HOURS DECEMBER 21 AND READ WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS A "TOUGH, STERN WARNING." VITALIY ZHAROVLOV, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF SIMPLY AS AN "EXPERT" ON PRESS MATTERS, READ IN RUSSIAN FROM A PREPARED TEXT WHICH ACCUSED OSNOS OF BEING "SYSTEMATICALLY AND RUDELY ANTI-SOVIET." OF BEING "OFFENSIVE" ABOUT SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS, OF SPREADING "ENMITY AND DISBELIEF IN THE SOVIET UNION," WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO ZHAROVLOV, A NEWSPAPERMAN SHOULD STRIVE TO BETTER US-USSR RELATIONS. "THERE IS NO DOUBT," ZHAROVLOV'S TEXT CONCLUDED, "THAT CONTINUATION OF THIS ACTIVITY CANNOT BUT LEAD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEFINITE CONSEQUENCES."

2. ZHAROVLOV WOULD NOT GIVE OSNOS A COPY OF THE TEXT FROM WHICH HE READ, NOR WOULD HE OFFER SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE OFFENSES ALLEGED.

3. OSNOS WILL NOT INFORM HIS MOSCOW COLLEAGUES OF THE ABOVE.

EMBASSY ASKS DEPARTMENT HONOR HIS REQUEST FOR CONTACT WITH HIS
HOME OFFICE ONLY. WOULD APPRECIATE WORD ON WASHINGTON POST
REACTION.

4. OSNOS DEPARTS MOSCOW TOMORROW FOR LEAVE IN LONDON, WHERE
WIFE NOW AWAITS BIRTH SECOND CHILD. EXPECTED RETURN ON
JANUARY 10, 1977. MATLOCK
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